









PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF CANADA,

From its Formation, on the 20th Jan., A.I., 2387, A.D., 1857,
TO THE
SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE
CITY OF LONDON, C.W.,

On the third Wednesday, the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859.



Ordered to be Read in all Chapters and Preserved.

ADDRESS :

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, TORONTO, GRAND Z.
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PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall of King Solomon's Chapter, in Toronto, on Wednesday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1858.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | Wm. Mercer Wilson, | Grand Z. |
| R. " " | Thompson Wilson, | " H. |
| " " " | Thomas Duggan, | " J. |
| | on the Throne. | |
| " " " | Thomas B. Harris, | " Scribe, E. |
| " " " | William Bellhouse, | " Treasurer. |
| | J. Hodgson, | " P. Sojourner. |
| | C. Pollock, | " 1st Assist. " |
| | H. Derbyshire, | " 2nd " " |
| V. " " | S. B. Campbell, | " D. Ceremonies. |
| | H. B. Bostwick, | " Pursuivant. |
| | — Clark, | " Janitor. |

E. Comp. Kivas Tully. E. Comp. J. R. Holden.

" " J. F. McCuaig. " J. Taylor.

Visiting Comp. Drummond, Chapter, No. 8, New York City.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented,

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at half-past three o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Especial Convocation, held at London C.W., were read and confirmed.

The M. E., Grand Z., informed the Grand Chapter that they were met pursuant to a circular issued for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution.

The Committee on Constitution presented and read the following

REPORT :

To the Grand Principals, and

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the important duty of preparing a revised draft of the Constitution, for the government of the Grand Chapter and Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this Province, respectfully submit the following Report, accompanied by the amended Constitution.

In preparing the amended Constitution, the principal difficulty with which your Committee had to contend, was, the dissimilarity of working between that which obtains in England and the United States. The former does not acknowledge the degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., whilst the latter not only acknowledges those degrees, but considers them as essential to the proper working of a Chapter.

The Resolution of the M. E. the Grand Chapter at the emergency meeting held at London on the 8th October last, having adopted the United States' system of working for the M. M., Past and M. E. M. degrees, which also agrees with that practiced by the Chapters in Ireland and Scotland, render the duties of your Committee distinct and clear in this respect.

At the same Meeting it was also resolved, that the presiding Officers of the Chapters should be denominated 1st, 2nd and 3rd Principals, whilst the corresponding Officers under the United States system of working, were termed H.P., K., and S. According to the English working, two Assist. Sojourners are required, whereas the office of Principal Sojourner alone is acknowledged in the U. S., working.

In order to correct this discrepancy, your Committee having fully carried out the instructions of the M. E. the Grand Chapter, recommend that the designations of Z., H., and J., should apply to the first, second and third Grand Principals, and Principals

of private Chapters, respectively, but that in every other respect the United States system of working should be followed which would include only one Principal Sojourner.

The preparation of the draft of Constitution devolved on the Toronto Section of the Committee, consisting of R. E. Comp. Tully and Allen, and V. E. Comp. Campbell; when prepared it was forwarded to Hamilton and London for their consideration, the Hamilton Section being composed of R. E. Comp. Duggan and Harris, and Comp. Stephens, and the London Section of R. E. Comp. Wilson, E. Comp. Rolfe, and Comp. Abbott.

The suggestion of the latter Sections are inscribed on the margin, some of which have been agreed to by the Toronto Section, and are submitted for the consideration of the M. E. Grand Chapter.

Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend the adoption of the accompanying Draft of Constitution, subject to the consideration of the proposed amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

KIVAS TULLY,
Chairman.

TORONTO, January 20th, 1858.

On motion, the Report was received.

The consideration of the Constitution was then considered *seriatim*.

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

 ESTABLISHED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER, A. I. 2338.—A. D. 1858.

[In all cases which are not specially provided for by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.]

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

I. The Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada rank in the following order :—

The Grand Z.

Past “ “

The “ H.

Past “ “

The “ J.

Past “ “

Grand Superintendents of Districts.

Past “ “

Grand Scribe, E.

“ “ N.

Past Grand Scribes, E. and N.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Past “ “

Grand Treasurer.

Past “

Grand Registrar.

Past “

Grand First Assistant Sojourner.

Past “ “ “

Grand Second “ “

Past “ “ “

Grand Sword Bearer.

Past “ “

Grand Standard Bearer.

Past “ “

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past “ “

Grand Organist.

Past “

Associate Members.

The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.

Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate Chapter.

Grand Pursuivant.

Past “

Grand Janitor.

II. The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the Annual Convocation, when all officers of the Grand Chapter shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following Officers shall be elected, viz. :

By ballot of the Grand Chapter,—

The Most Excellent Grand Z.

The Right Excellent, Grand H.

The “ “ “ J.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N.

“ “ Principal Sojourner.

“ “ Treasurer.

“ “ Registrar.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,—

The Grand Janitor.

By the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective Districts present at the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.—

The Right Excellent the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

The V. E. Grand First Assistant Sojourner.

“ “ “ Second Assistant Sojourner.

“ “ “ Sword Bearer.

“ “ “ Standard Bearer.

“ “ “ Director of Ceremonies.

“ “ “ Organist.

“ “ “ Pursuivant.

Four “ “ Stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the Janitor, to be chosen by ballot, shall require a majority of all the votes present.

VI. Should neither of the Representative Officers, or Past Z. of a Chapter, attend any Convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter, by a vote properly certified by the First Principal and Scribe, E., under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

VII. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens for the time being, provided they are companions of the Order, on account of their rank in the Craft, shall be Associate Members of the Grand Chapter.

VIII. Every Companion, elected or appointed to office in the Grand Chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter; and any Past Grand Officer or Member, (who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing Member of some subordinate Chapter) shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter—such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become and continue to be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter.

IX. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Chapter,

the Grand Z. shall nominate a qualified Companion to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

X. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the third Wednesday in February, at which the place of holding the next Convocation shall be decided.

XI. The Grand Z. may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

XII. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendence of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If, at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, any of the Grand Principals be absent, the chair shall be filled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided he be an installed Present or Past First Principal of any regular subordinate Chapter.

XIV. An annual Report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay and transmitted to every Member of the Grand Chapter, and to every subordinate Chapter, immediately after the general Convocation in February.

XV. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by the Grand Principals, or any of them, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force.

XVI. Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for the space of one year, the Principals and Past Principals of such Chapter shall not be

permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payments have been completed.

XVII. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Chapter, be constituted Members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, DURING THE TIME OF
PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Which are to be read at every Convocation thereof.

I. The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; then any communications from the Grand Principals, or any of them, shall be read and proceeded with; and then any reports from any Committee shall be read; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Chapter having three votes, and each Past First Principal one vote; each Officer and Member of the Grand Chapter, (except the Grand Janitor) not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and the presiding Officer one vote, and in case of a tie he shall also have a casting vote; unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding Officer. The votes of the Members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Scribes are to count, unless the presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

III. Whenever the presiding officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

IV. All Members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, and the Grand Director of

Ceremonies, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

V. No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

VI. Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding Officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

VII. If any Member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding Officer, and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding Officer shall command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that meeting.

VIII. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a Member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

IX. That no motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I. The Grand Z. shall be elected and installed, according to ancient usage, at the annual Convocation. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, and, with the elective Grand Officers, to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. No Companion shall fill the office of a Grand Principal for more than three consecutive years, but he may be re-elected after the expiration of the following year.

III. Should the Grand Z., die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, by sickness, absence or otherwise, the Grand H., or in his absence the Grand J., or in

their absence the Grand Superintendent of the District shall assemble the Grand Chapter immediately to record the event; which Grand Chapter shall appoint three of its members to invite the immediate Past First Grand Principal to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; if no former Grand Z., be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summoned to elect a Grand Z.

IV. The Grand Z., under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the Representative of a Sister Grand Chapter a Member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

I. The Grand Superintendent for each District, as defined by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, seven in number, shall be nominated by the Chapters in that District, and confirmed by the Grand Z., at the annual Convocation, and, if present, regularly invested.

He must be an installed First Principal, or a Past First Principal, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

This Officer is invested with a rank and power, in his particular District, in the absence of the Grand Principals, similar to those of the Grand Principals themselves.

II. He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his District.

III. He may hear and determine any subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his District, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Chapter shall be made known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision is to be transmitted to the Grand Chapter, through the Grand Scribe, E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the District to require

the erasure of a chapter, or the expulsion of a companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter with his opinion thereon.

IV. The Grand Superintendent of the District may summon any Chapter or Companion, within his District to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter, or the certificate of such Companion.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued ; and, in case of contumacy, the circumstances are to be reported to the Grand Chapter, who may suspend the chapter or companion, as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants to be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the District, prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe, E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. The Grand Superintendent of each District is required to report to the Grand Chapter, at its annual Convocation, on the condition of Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual Convocation, at least fourteen days previous to the next annual Convocation.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from Town to Town within his District, but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SCRIBES, E. AND N.

I. All ministerial duties, and all privileges attached to the office of Grand Scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the Grand Scribe, E., who shall be an installed First Principal, or Past First Principal of a regular subordinate Chapter.

II. The Grand Scribe, N., to assist the Grand Scribe, E., during the business of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT AND JANITOR.

I. The duties of the above Officers of the Grand Chapter correspond with those of similar Officers, as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Principal Sojourner acting in the Grand Chapter in a similar capacity to that of Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge.

II. The Grand First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant, being appointed by the First Grand Principal, may be selected from amongst the Companions of the regular subordinate Chapters, though not installed First Principals, or Past First Principals of such Chapters.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. The Grand Chapter of Canada shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province; to assign the limits of the several Districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power under seal and the sign manual of the Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe, E., and Grand Registrar, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province.

II. The Grand Z. shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Scribe, E., under the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, when

the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation, or grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution.

III. A fee of forty dollars shall be paid for every Dispensation, and ten dollars in addition for every Warrant of Constitution.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and should consist of three Principals, three Sojourners, two Scribes and a Janitor, to which, for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other Officers.

II. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended Principals.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the District in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by the Grand Z., or by some present or past First Principal, delegated for that purpose by the Grand Z.

V. Every Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes, E., and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer, and, by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor.

The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other Officers required for the better working of his Chapter, who are, with the elective Officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair until he has served in the

Second, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third, nor to the Third until he shall have served the office of Scribe, E. or N., or Principal Sojourner of some subordinate Chapter.

VII. If the numbers shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals; and every Chapter shall notify the Grand Scribe, E., the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Scribe, E., whenever any Companion who has been installed as First, Second or Third Principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a Member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter, as a First or Past Principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. No Companion shall fill the chair of First Principal for more than three consecutive years, nor the second and third chairs, for more than two years in succession.

X. All Warrants issued for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, must also give the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, and the First Second and Third Principals of such Chapter, for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens; the other Officers of the Chapter, according to seniority.

XI. The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the Insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past First Principal, and discharge the duties of the Chapter.

XIII. In case of the death or removal of a First Principal, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the Members of the Chapter.

XIV. Every Chapter shall, at least once in each year, make a return to the Grand Scribe, E., specifying the names, ages,

professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering fees, and Fees for Grand Chapter Certificates, that may be due. And if any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, and whose name, therefore, is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a Member, his name, age, profession and Chapter shall be returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The names, also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted, specified.

XV. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed, balloted for and approved ; and no one shall be admitted if on the ballot there appear two black balls.

XVI. No Mason shall be exalted to this degree unless he has been a Master Mason for twelve calendar months at least.

XVII. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, upon any Brother for a less sum than twenty dollars ; nor the Mark Master's degree, when given alone, for a less sum than five dollars ; which sums may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate.

XVIII. The Registering fee to the Grand Chapter for Brethren exalted, shall be three dollars, including the fee for the certificate ; and the fee for a Companion joining a Chapter, his name being previously registered, half a dollar.

XIX. Every Chapter shall have power to make such By-Laws as to them shall seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the general statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and which By-Laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe, E.

XX. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases :

Omitting to hold a Meeting of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

REGALIA.

I. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the center of the apron the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide, in the center of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with a gold border, and within the triangle three tassels, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter alone to have the apron trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, purple, and for Principals and Past Principals, of Subordinate Chapters, crimson, and for all other Companions, white.

IV. The jewel of office worn by Past and Present Officers of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson, and pale blue, four inches wide.

V. The jewel of office worn by the Principals and Officers,

and also by Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar four inches wide.

VI. The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers and Members of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Mason's Lodges, to be similar to those worn in Craft Lodges, according to rank.

VII. The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the Companion, by a narrow ribbon, two inches wide, as follows: Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar, and the Principals and Past Principals of all Subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar.

The other Officers of Subordinate Chapters, and all other Companions, white.

VIII. All jewels of this Order are to be gold or gilt.

IX. All companions are to wear the usual sash of the Order, with silk fringe at the ends, except that all Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, and Present and Past Principles of Subordinate Chapters, may wear gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

ROBES.

First Grand and First Principal, Z.

A crimson robe, trimmed with ermine.

Second Grand and Second Principal, H.

A purple robe.

Third Grand and Third Principal, J.

A blue robe.

Scribes, E. and N., of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

The Principal and Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

Pursuivants and Janitors of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

JEWELS.

First Grand Principal, Z.

A crown irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal, H.

The All-seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal, J.

The volume of the Sacred Law, irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals,

The jewels appertaining to their respective offices, in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts,

A small triangle irradiated in a double triangle enclosed within a circle, on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts,

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand Scribes, E. and N.

Cross pens with a tie, within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

A square irradiated within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

A square within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand Treasurer,

A key within a triangle.

Grand Registrar,

A scroll on a pen, within a triangle.

Grand Sword Bearer,

Cross swords with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand Standard Bearer,

A standard with a triple tau in the centre, within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Cross wands with a wreath, within a triangle.

Grand Organist,

A harp, within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant,

Cross swords and wand, with a coat of arms, within a triangle.

Grand Janitor,

A sword.

Grand Stewards,

A triangle.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First Principal, Z.

A Crown, irradiated, within a triangle.

Second Principal, H.

An All-Seeing Eye, irradiated, within a triangle.

Third Principal, J.

The Volume of the Sacred Law, irradiated, within a triangle.

Past Principals,

The same, within a circle.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters,

The emblems appertaining to their office as in Grand Chapter,
within a triangle.



FORMS.

For a Warrant of Constitution.

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals, and the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

WE, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons,
registered Members of the Chapters mentioned against our
respective names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering
us to meet as a regular Chapter at _____ to be called
on the _____ day of _____, and there to discharge the duties
of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to
the Forms of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the
Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend
Companion _____ to be First Principal, Z., Companion
to be Second Principal, H., Companion _____ to be Third
Principal, J.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict
conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order and the Rules
and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

[To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.]

Application for Advancement.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No. G.R.C.

The undersigned, a Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

(Signed,)

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No. G.R.C.

The undersigned having been advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

(Signed,)

It was moved by E. Comp. Tully, seconded by E. Comp. Harris, and

RESOLVED,—

That the Constitution submitted by the Committee and as amended by the Grand Chapter, be confirmed and adopted, to be entered on the Minutes, and to be printed as the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

It was, on motion, unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, be holden at the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday the 17th February, A.D. 1858.

Communications from several Grand Chapters were then read.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at half-past 7, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at half-past 7, P. M.

PRESENT.

R. E. Comp. Capt. Thompson Wilson, G. Supt., as Z.

“ “ “ Thomas Duggan, as H.

“ “ “ Kivas Tully, as J.

on the Throne.

“ “ “ Thos. B. Harris, G. Scribe, E.

And the following Companions :—

E. Comp. J. R. Holden, Hiram Chapter, Hamilton.

“ “ Wm. Bellhouse, “ “

“ “ J. Taylor, “ “

“ Wm. Steers, St. John's Chapter, Toronto.

“ C. E. Romain, “ “

“ C. Fitzgibbon, Ionic Chapter, “

“ R. Maitland, St. Andrew's Chapter, “

“ J. E. Smith, King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto.

VISITORS.

Comp. Jos. Hodgson,

“ Alex. Macnamara,

“ W. C. Morrison,

“ J. A. Fisher,

“ S. B. Campbell,

“ H. Bostwick,

“ W. L'Estage,

Comp. C. Pollock,

“ P. A. Derbyshire,

“ John Hill,

“ Rd. Arnold,

“ A. Beliren,

“ John H. Seels,

“ W. H. Miller.

The Grand Officers then proceeded to the installation and investiture of the Officers of the following Chapters.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER.

E. Comp. Jno. R. Holden, Z.

“ “ W. Bellhouse, H.

“ “ J. Taylor, J.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Z.

" " John F. McCuaig, H.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Z.

" " James E. Smith, H.

" " Joseph Hodgson, J.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

P R O C E E D I N G S

At the First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday the 17th Feb., A. I. 2388, A. D., 1858.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | Wm. M. Wilson, | Grand Z. |
| R. E. | " Capt. T. Wilson, as | " H. |
| " | " Dr. Thos. Duggan, | " J. |
| | on the Throne. | |
| R. E. Comp. | Thomas B. Harris, | Grand Scribe, E. |
| " | " John R. Holden, as | " " N. |
| " | " Kivas Tully, as | " P. Sojourner. |
| " | " T. C. Sterling, as | " Treasurer. |
| R. E. | " W. C. Stephens, as | " 1st A. Sojourner. |
| " | " Chas. Magill, as | " 2nd " |
| " | " Thomas Francis, as | " D.of Ceremonies |
| " | " A. Monro, as | } " Stewards. |
| " | " J. F. McCuaig, as | |
| " | " J. Taylor, as | " Pursuivant. |
| " | " John Morrison, | " Janitor. |

Also, R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, Comps. Richard Bull, and Henry Grist.

VISITING.

Comp. Robb, St. John's Chapter, 509, New York City.

The Representatives from the following Chapters were reported and admitted to seats in the Grand Chapter :

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

E. Comp. John R. Holden, Z.
" " Jeremiah Taylor, J.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

Comp. Thomas Francis, H.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Z.

" " J. F. McCuaig, H.

" " W. C. Stephens, J.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Z.

" A. M. Munro, Scribe, E.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Proceedings of the Especial Convocation held at Toronto, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1858, were read and confirmed.

The Grand Scribe, E., laid before the Grand Chapter several letters, to the effect that the Grand Chapter of Canada had been recognised by various Grand Chapters in the United States, amongst which communications was one from P. P. Murphy, G. H. P. State of New York, and R. Morris, from Alabama.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the following Companions declared duly elected :—

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Grand Z.

R. E. " Thomas Duggan, " H.

" " " Kivas Tully, " J.

" " " Thos. B. Harris, " Scribe, E.

" " " James Moffatt, " " N.

" " " John Harris, " P. Sojourner.

" " " J. R. Holden, " Treasurer.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,

Comp. John Morrison, " Janitor.

By the Chapters of their respective Districts, as Grand Superintendents, and which the Grand Z. was pleased to confirm :

R. E. Comp. Charles Magill, Hamilton District.

" " " James Daniell, London "

" " " George L. Allen, Toronto "

The Grand Z., elect, was then regularly installed and proclaimed.

The elected officers were severally invested with the badges of their office according to ancient form.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, seconded by R.E. Comp. Simpson, and unanimously adopted,—

That the cordial and fraternal thanks of the Grand Chapter be forwarded to the M.E. Grand Z., Comp. Wm. M. Wilson, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which the duties of the office of M. E. Grand Z., were performed since the establishment of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Duggan, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be holden at the City of London, C.W., in 1859.

The M. E. Grand Z., was pleased to make the following appointments to office in this Grand Chapter, for the next ensuing Masonic term :—

V. E. Comp. Thomas Francis, Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner.

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| " Jos. Hodgson, | " 2nd " | " |
| " J. E. Smith, | " Sword Bearer. | |
| " S. B. Campbell, | " Dir. of Ceremonies. | |
| " Wm. Daniell, | " Standard Bearer. | |
| " J. J. McKenzie, | " Organist. | |
| " J. F. McCuaig, | " Pursuivant. | |
| " Jeremiah Taylor, | } " Stewards. | |
| " A. Munro, | | |
| " William Muir, | | |
| " W. J. Murray, | | |

The Grand Scribe, E., presented his account, which was received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and

re-assembled at 11, P. M., when the M. E. Grand Z. installed the following Companions :—

R.E. Comp. W.C. Stephens, as Grand Superintendent and J. of St. John's Chapter, Hamilton.

R.E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, as Grand Superintendent for the Central District.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That a Committee be appointed to decide on a uniform system of work for the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees—to report progress at the earliest opportunity.

The M. E. Grand Z. appointed the following to be such Committee, viz :—R. E. Companions Harris, Tully and Wilson.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. S., E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Toronto, on Thursday the 20th day of January, A.D. 1859.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | Thompson Wilson, | Grand Z. |
| " " " | Wm. M. Wilson, as | " H. |
| R. " " | Thomas Duggan, as | " J. |
| | on the Throne. | |
| " " " | Thomas B. Harris, | Grand Scribe, E. |
| " " " | Samuel D. Fowler, as | " " N. |
| " " " | W. B. Simpson, as | " Principal Sojourner. |
| " " " | A. Bernard, as | " 1st Assistant " |
| " " " | James Moffat, as | " 2nd " " |
| V. " " | S. B. Campbell, | " Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| | John Morrison, | " Janitor. |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report of the following Members and Representatives of duly warranted Chapters, whom they recommend to be admitted and take part in proceedings of Grand Chapter :—

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | Thomas Duggan, Z. |
| " " | Jeremiah Taylor, H. |
| M. E. " | Wm. M. Wilson, P.G. Z. |

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

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| E. Comp. | Thomas Francis, Z. |
| " " | John Keary, J. |
| " " | James Moffatt, P.Z. |

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.

" " J. K. Brown, H.

" " Edwin Heathfield, J.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. S. B. Campbell, Z.

MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

E. Comp. J. C. Frank, Z.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. James Henderson, Z.

" " S. D. Fowler, P. Z.

" " W. B. Simpson, G. S. of Central Dis.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. S. B. Harman, Z.

" F. W. Barron, P. Z.

Visiting Companions George W. Whitehead, Henry Grist, and
W. H. Weller.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED,—

That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z., informed the Grand Chapter that they had met in pursuance of a summons issued by his direction, to receive the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual convocation, for the purpose of deciding on an uniform Ritual for the adoption of all Chapters under this jurisdiction.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the consideration of a uniform Ritual, beg leave to report, that they are now prepared to give an exemplification of the Work, which they believe to be

correct and most universally practiced, and would respectfully recommend that it may be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The exemplification of the Work was then proceeded with, which was, after much discussion on the different points at issue, comparing the work under other jurisdictions, again committed to the following Committee, viz :

R.E. Comp. T. D. Harington, E. Companions F. Richardson, F.W. Barron, W. B. Simpson, and S. D. Fowler, with instructions to report on the M. M., P.M. and M.E.M. degrees, at the Annual Convocation to be held in London in February ; and on the Royal Arch degree at an Especial Convocation, to be held at Kingston in July next, during the session of Grand Lodge.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

P R O C E E D I N G S

OF the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, at the Second Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Hall in the City of London, C.W., on the third Wednesday the 16th day of February, A. D. 1859.

PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | Thompson Wilson, | Grand Z. |
| R. " " | F. Richardson, as | " H. |
| " " " | Kivas Tully, | " J. |
| | on the Throne. | |
| " " " | Thos. B. Harris, | " Scribe, E. |
| " " " | James Moffatt, | " " N. |
| " " " | John K. Brown, as | " P. Sojourner. |
| V. " " | Thomas Francis, | " 1st A. " |
| " " " | Wm. Moore, as | " 2nd A. " |
| " " " | J. C. Franck, as | " Treasurer. |
| R. " " | J. Heathfield, as | " Sword Bearer. |
| " " " | Wm. Daniell, as | " Standard " |
| " " " | M. F. Shaler, as | " Pursuivant. |
| " " " | Thos. McMullan, as | " Janitor. |

R.E. Comp. James Daniell, P. G. Superintendent of the London District.

R.E. Comp. Thomas Douglas Harington, P. G. Superintendent for Canada East, under the Grand Chapter of England.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in ample form.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N., having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives of regularly Warranted Chapters; also the Representatives of Chapters under Dispensation, whom they recommend to be admitted and to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON, C.W.

R. E. Comp. James Daniell, P. Z.

" " James Moffatt, " Z.

" " Thomas Francis, Z.

" " William Moore, H.

" " John Keary, J.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, Z.

" " M. Francis Shaler, J.

R. " " Thos. D. Harington, P.G. Superintend't.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, P. Z.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.

" " John K. Brown, H.

" Edwin Heathfield, J.

MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

E. Comp. John C. Franck, Z.

" A. B. Elmer.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. John C. Franck, (proxy.)

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. Francis Richardson, P. Z.

" " S. B. Harman, Z.

Under Dispensation :—

KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Comp. William Muir, Z.

" " Wm. Daniell, H.

" " P. T. Worthington, J.

GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

The Grand Scribe, E., (proxy.)

The Report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted permission for all Companions in good standing to be admitted.

VISITORS.

E. Comp. Wm. Reid, Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 30, Texas.

“ Geo. Parkins, A. S. Abbott, Edward Garratt, and

“ Wm. Miles, St. John's Chapter, London.

“ Charles L. Davis, Kilwinning Chapter, London.

The Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, held at the City of Hamilton on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1858, also of a Special Convocation, held in the City of Toronto on the 20th day January, A. D. 1859, were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

The M. E. Z. informed Grand Chapter that he had granted Dispensations to open two new Chapters during the past year—the first for *Golden Rule*, at Stanstead, and the second for *Kilwinning*, at London.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That the Dispensations be confirmed, and that the Grand Scribe, E., be directed to prepare a Warrant for each of the above new Chapters, as soon as circumstances would permit.

The following Chapters, formerly holding Warrants from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, during the past year affiliated with this Grand Chapter, viz :—

St. George's Chapter, London, C.W.

Moirs Chapter, Belleville, C.W.

Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston, C.W.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Toronto, C.W.

The Most Excellent Z. submitted and read the following

ADDRESS.

R. E. and E. Companions :

By the blessing of the G. A. U. we are again permitted to meet together in Grand Convocation, for the purpose of considering the best measures to be adopted for the general welfare and happiness of our Order, and as your suffrages have placed me in the honorable position I hold in this Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty and privilege to render to you some account of the transactions of the Grand Chapter since our last regular Convocation ; and lay before you such other matters as I may deem of sufficient importance to claim your consideration. This I will endeavor to do as briefly as possible and, therefore, request your attention for a few moments.

Last year, when I assumed the duties of Grand First Principal Z. the number of Chapters over which this Grand Chapter had jurisdiction was four. I am happy now to inform you that they are nearly tripled. Two Dispensations have been issued to form new Chapters and four Dispensations of affiliation to the Chapters in Canada West, formerly working under the supreme Grand Chapter of England, and there is every prospect of some of the other Chapters in the Lower Province, still working under that jurisdiction, soon joining us. I have also reason to believe that before long, application will be made for Dispensations to hold Chapters in Woodstock, St. Thomas and Windsor. At Woodstock the Chapter would be supported by Three or Four Lodges, at St. Thomas, two, and at Windsor Three. The accession to our Order in individual Masons has not been great, yet, considering the change we were undergoing towards independence, it is as great as could have been expected. I have received an application from R. E. Companion Simpson, Grand Superintendent of the Central District, for a blank Dispensation, to revive a dormant Chapter, formerly working in Brockville, without furnishing the names of the nine Royal Arch Masons, who were to form the Chapter ; this being rather a novel application, I was induced to examine closely the book of Constitution, and I find the law for the government of such questions, clearly laid down in article 5, page 13, article 1, 2, page 15, and article 2, page 16, but there is no authority given therein to the Grand First Principal Z. or any other Officer, to grant a

Warrant or Dispensation without the nine names being first furnished to the Grand Scribe, E. I have therefore declined signing the blank dispensation, until the names are furnished.

I have much pleasure in informing you, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland has acknowledged the independence of this Grand Chapter, upon learning which, I appointed R.E. Comp. Furnell our Representative at that Grand Chapter, and intimated that R. E. Comp. Tully would be acceptable to us as their Representative. And now that the Grand Lodge of England has acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Canada, I have no doubt but the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland will soon follow its example. We have also been acknowledged by a number of the Grand Chapters of the United States of America, and have received friendly communications from several Grand Chapters, with reports of their proceedings for 1858—one of which is from the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in which a subject is broached of great importance to all Royal Arch Masons throughout the world, viz: Uniformity of Work and Designation of Officers. At page 24, in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, this passage occurs:—

“Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, for them to conform the names of their Officers to those in the United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters through the Union if this could consistently be done.”

It is deeply to be regretted that all Royal Arch Masons, speaking the English language at least, do not follow the same customs and usages. We have all derived our authority from the same source, and are all offshoots from the Grand Chapter of England. I have in my possession, one of the first Constitutions published in the United States, by Thomas S. Webb, in 1802, which establishes this fact. The first Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England was agreed to in 1782, and published in 1786.

This subject was well considered by the Committee who formed our Constitution and they entered on their labour with a desire to conform to the work of our American Companions, as far as they consistently could; with this view they framed our Constitution so as to admit of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters degrees, being conferred in the same manner as in the United States. Much might be said on this subject, but it would be out of place for me to enlarge upon it, on the present occasion; perhaps our Committee on Foreign Correspondence may have to address you and may enter more fully on the subject.



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